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PRESIDENT-ELECT'S PACE

Some have wondered about the continuance of our Annual Dues at \$20.00 per year, while omitting the Postgraduate Days during the war. The Council of the Society wishes this statement to be made.

The By-Laws specify that dues shall be \$20.00 per year for Active Members; Associate members (a) and (c) \$20.00 per year. Council has allowed \$5.00 of the dues to Postgraduate expense. Thus our members paid nothing extra for Postgraduate attendance. This eliminated the needless work of selling tickets to our own members. Such action by Council was possible when all our men were here paying dues. Now that they are in the service, we collect no dues from them. Therefore, it has been deemed unwise to reduce the dues at this time although Postgraduate Days are to be temporarily omitted, because:

- (1) All our other expenses continue, and in most instances are materially increased;
- (2) More than one-third of our members are in war service. Their dues will not be assessed during their absence in defense of our common country. Their total dues amounted to more than the cost of Postgraduate expense.

Since we are aggressively going bravely forward with our scientific work, which no member will want to see curtailed, and since we are all anxious to keep our financial status sound so that our treasury will be in proper condition to carry on vigorously upon the return of our men, we believe we should make no change in our dues at present.

This statement is made in order that everyone may understand.

ELMER H. NAGEL, M. D.,

President-Elect.

of the Mahoning County Medical Society

Editorial ---

Dr. Marvin's discussion of "Some practical Aspects of Diagnosis and Disease." Heart Treatment of oroved to be just what the title sugests, very practical. The doctor mphasized that not all apparent disturbances of the heart are really such. He also stressed the frequent ncidence of disabilities resulting from unwise announcement to the natient of heart disease until one is sure. It is no easy task to remove from the neurotic the fears thus created.

One thing we of the commonality wonder about is the utility of that mysterious machine, the electrocardiagraph. When the unitiated sees this perplexing thing he gulps with awe and admiration. Presto,—here's the way! But, as Dr. Marvin's pictures showed, the crazy jagged lines for normal hearts are often exactly like those for differently diseased hearts! Those chest specialists are wizards! Novices! Don't buy this machine—ret!

Dr. Marvin's audience was very large and very much pleased with him.

AUXILIARY NOTES

The Women's Auxiliary to the Mahoning County Medical Society had a very successful Benefit Bridge party May 17 with Mrs. Geo. Mc-Kelvey and Mrs. John McCann heading a capable committee. We

realized \$160.00 which will be given as follows:

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\$100.00 to Y.M.C.A. for use in local U.S.O. activities.

\$35.00 to U.S.O. petty cash box.

\$25.00 to the Canteen to be used in entertaining service men.

There will be no meetings during the summer although Red Cross work will continue. The next regular meeting is Oct. 18th.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The regular monthly Council meeting was held at the office of the Secretary on the 10th of May. The following applications were passed by Council:

Active Memberships

Dr. Genevieve Delfs Dr. Edwin R. Brody

Unless objection in writing is filed with the Secretary with 15 days, they will become members of the Society.

The regular monthly meeting was held at the Youngstown Club on the 18th of the month with Dr. H. M. Marvin, Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at Yale University the speaker. Dr. Marvin's subject was "Some Practical Aspects of Diagnosis and Treatment in Heart Disease."

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THE DOCTOR'S DOLLAR

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Editoi's Note: The following article appeared in the Bulletin of the Merchants Credit Bureau of this Merchants Written by Mr. Price in the effort to impress the commercial redit men of this city with the neresity for considering professional bligations when extending credit.)

"For Professional Services Ren-All of you have, of course, and heard this phrase many, many times. And whenever you have, is evidence that credit has been ranted. Credit that has been grantd in 99 per cent of the cases withbenefit of any credit investigawithout any questions being ked in a large majority of the cases. Additional credit may often ranted when fees of long standing re still unpaid. Here again the docfor differs from the average commercial credit grantor. It, however. perfectly true that credit should not be usually extended to persons who have not proved by past performance an ability to meet new bligations when due, still problem is that these are precisely the cases in which new credit is sked for.

When a person applies for additional credit in a department store, the credit executive, before granting the new credit, determines whether the old accounts have been met when due and whether the present indebtedness of the applicant will prevent him from meeting this newly acquired obligation. If in the judgment of the commercial credit granfor the applicant's debts are too great for him to safely to take on new burdens, his request is declined. The decision is not arrived at by any ode of ethics. The doctor only too often should decline, but cannot, exept occasionally. We do not mean to eave the impression that they should refuse to render service when the

patient is unable to pay, to do this would certainly be most unethical: but anyone, even the Medical Profession, has the right to protect himagainst deliberate fraud. should not be necessary for a doctor to become the victim of every easyvirtued dead-beat simply to avoid doing an injustice to a worthy patient. What is needed by the doctor is a knowledge of the patient's credit status, what he can pay, what he does pay, what he should be expected to pay, and above all, how he pays professional obligations, or in other words the same simple rules that govern the extension of commercial credit.

To accomplish this purpose for the commercial credit executive a perfect picture cannot be had unless all of his indebtedness is known-medical and dental obligations included. How many applications for credit would reveal professional obligations if left entirely to the discretion of the applicant? Yet on the other inspect your bankruptcies. How many schedules will show professional bills listed—they never miss,—some even have the appearance of a medical roll call. Professional credit, the same as commercial credit, cannot be controlled individually—joint effort is absolutely indispensable. Furthermore, one should be an integral part of the other.

So by the cooperation of you credit men if the doctors are permitted to collect larger percentage of their accounts from patients who are not heavily loaded with obligations in the commercial field, then a percentage of the money will be spent by them in your store.

Sickness is seldom anticipated and medical care to date is almost entirely neglected from the family budget. Maybe it is the fault of the family, maybe it is the fault of the physi-

cian. Curiously enough, their profession, which is the most outstanding for its progress in analytical scientific research, suffers most from a lack of that same research in its business methods. However, their training was, and in all probability will continue to be, along scientific lines, so that is perhaps why they are prone to lean upon the lay credit people for a little cooperation.

To date there has been a sharp line drawn between commercial and professional accounts. To do so is not consistent with the facts in the case. When collection is effected sanely and competently, then and not until then, have they any tangible realization of their investment of education and those first lean years. The profession as a whole must come to an understanding of the economic needs, that they will see the need for cooperation with other credit people. Likewise, your credit fraternity must realize its position and it is to the interest of both parties concerned to bring this about. It is reasonably safe to say they would abide by any cooperative plan that would place professional accounts in their proper status and that in itself would result in a greater wealth of credit information and the improvement of credit conditions.

Youngstown should and could be made an outstanding example of cooperation between the Bureau and the Profession. The credit standing

department stores, which many substantial are guarding, is being protected at time jeal_{ously} at the expense of professional obligations. Members of the Profession in this city consider it a privilege, not a burdensome obligation, to report bad accounts. They take pride in the fact that in doing so they are build. ing the files for the guidance and protection of all members. They have proven to the citizenry of Youngstown that professional credit rating is just as important to protect as a commercial rating. They believe in preventive treatment rather than measures. Perhaps, curative these Physicians and Dentists have had a little education in economics.

The average medical man is reluctant to discuss business matters with his patient. However, it is the general belief that any doctor who fully believes in the value of his services should have no hesitation in adopting a frank and open attitude and establishing a preliminary agreement with the patient. It has also been found that a patient's fee. which has been agreed upon, is more productive of the desired results. Professional men are selling their education, their training, their time, their experience, or all summed up-SERVICES. You are purveyors of merchandise. Shouldn't both assume from the beginning a sense of expectation of payment? Remember then, the doctor's fee when considering applications for credit.

FROM OUR DOCTORS IN THE SERVICE

Lou in Good Company-But Doesn't "Enthuse" for the Rapids!

Grand Rapids, Michigan March 29, 1943

Dear Claude:-Thanks for the February Bulletin. It was very good. The March issue has not reached me yet, because of my change of address. You may not know that my "tour of duty" brought me to a new post. On February 13th orders come to "proceed without delay" to Grand Rapids, and when Uncle Sam orders to proceed he means it, and pronto. My address here is Pantlind Hotel. Anyway, here I am, fighting the battle of Grand Rapids. This post is primarily a meteorology school for the Air Forces. It is in the process of organization, and when completed will be the largest of its kind. We expect to have in a short time, about six or seven thousand student cadets, besides the other troops.

Most of the student cadets are college graduates in engineering or mathematics and two years of college is the minimum educational requirement. They are a high tree of young men, with whom it is a a course to associate. The course lasts months, and is a hard one, they tell

A word about Grand Rapids. As you the city is so named because it is inow, the city, is so hamed because it is sunted on the banks of what the natives appearistically call the "Grand" River. lyou can keep a military secret, I can if you that the muddy stream is not you that the muddy stream is note "grand" than Crab Creek. Which whether anyone area by and theyantly, whether anyone ever did find that magnificent body of water dear to our hearts. Ah, I am filled with nostalgia when I think of the pea with noster that is a mythical supply until it suddenly goes on a ram-How well do I remember when, page. Flow well do l'remember when, several occasions, it turned Basin street into a veritable Grand Canal. All re needed was a few gondolas and the "O Sole Mio." Justa lika sounds of Venezzia!

But to return to Grand Rapids: The Rapids are, to my knowledge, non-exsistent. In fact there is nothing rapid shout the whole place. The city is much like Youngstown in size and many other respects, although the tempo is considerable slower. The population is largely native and of Dutch origin. The directory sounds in "Vans," "De's" and names unding in "a". My name is usually holladised to Dykema, a common Dutch name here. The people are friendly but practical, so that enthusiasm for the men uniform does not prevent them from harging us fairly high rents or making

profit off us. Grand Rapids has seen better days. Though it is still called, by the natives, "furniture capital of the world," would be more correct to call it the former capital," as it has lost most of this business to the South, to Chicago and other places. From what I gather, the furniture industry was originally established here because of the abundance of fine virgin forests in the vicinity. Unfortunately, these were wantonly cut down without any program of reforestation, and now that the lumber gave out and has to be imported, the place has lost its advantage and raison d'etre. No inducements were offered to new industries, so that, for a number of years, the aty was on its uppers. As one of the natives somewhat apologetically told me: the city is progressive but not aggres-

Now some of the war boom business tas reached here too. Unemployment has been absorbed, as have most of the vacant mores and houses. And while on the subsett of houses, the city is interesting in the respect. It is full of multi-gabled and multi-roomed mid-Victorian frame

atrocities so reminiscent of more opulent and rococo days. Until recently they were a drug on the real estate market. Now they are converting them into small apartments, which are in demand now on account of the influx of army personnel.

In the business district one sees, side by side, modern, though not too tall, skyscrapers, and narrow windowed brownstone "emporiums" of civil war vintage. Elsewhere they would clash, but here they only symbolize an arrested development of the community. However, there is a good deal of dignity and charm even in the older residential streets. They are lined with old and stately trees, and I expect that in summer they will have a certain beauty. There are also some modern but not nearly as interesting sections.

I should add that the place in general is much to our liking, and that the people, whom we have so far met, have been kind and friendly to us. The criticism, though realistic, is not given in

an unfriendly spirit.

Now, for matters more personal. Eight months in the army have acclimated me to this life and I do not take the soldiering part quite so strenuously or seriously now. God knows I tried hard. No one will ever know how I used to strain to throw out my chest and suck-in the slightly hypertrophied embonpoint. You think that's easy? Well try it yourself. Me, when I do it, it only results in a silly perpendicular peristalsis of my midriff. My poor viscera and intercostal spaces cry out "Give us liberty, or give us breath." When, after months of torture, I discovered that it only made me uncomfortable without adding a whit to my military bearing, I gave it up as a bad job, and am again, thank goodness, allowing my sundry anatomical structures to fall into their accustomed, albeit unmilitary, places. And now I am reconciled to the thought that a middle aged doctor becomes a "soldier boy" when he enlists, about as much as an old maid becomes a "young bride," when she mar-

On the credit side of the ledger, I have acquired a snappy salute, and a right handed one, at that. At one time I was considered one of the best ambidextrous saluters in the army. I also have a fairly good idea whom to salute, although, occasionally, I still catch myself saluting a movie doorman. But the dears do look so much like Lieutenant Commanders. (excuse me Jimmie, Herm and Bill, et alia). Seriously speaking, the higher ups would rather have us practice good medicine than be tin soldiers.

I have been fortunate to get assignments in my own specialty since my in-(Continued on Page 137)





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Catherine Holway Congetta Pietra Mary L. Kelley Ann Pintar *Mary Klaser (Deceased) Mary Ribich Mary Lubonovic Teresa Schlecht Rose Vartucci Irene Vassey Ethel Yavorsky Helen Zamary Helen Zerovich Mary Ziroff Clara McNeish Theresa Magyar Josephine Malito Margaret Meletic Shirley O'Hara Alma Pepper Catherine Pietra

* Nurse Mary Klaser passed away July 15th at Billings Hospital in Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.





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Dentists from Private Practice

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Lt. Gilbert R. Backus, Post Dispensary, Marine Base, Quarglico, Va. 1st. Lt. Morgan W. Baker, A.A.F., Kellog Air Base, 7th Service Group, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Victor P. Balmenti, 893 Tank Destroyer, Battalion B. N., Camp 1st Lt. Hood, Texas.

lst. Lt. Thos. L. Blair, D. C., Columbia University, New York City.

1st Lt. Fred E. Elder, D. C., Dental Clinic, Camp Wheeler, Georgia.

1st Lt. A. E. Frank, Recruiting & Induction Station, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

1st Lt. William T. James, D. C., Air Technical School, Station Hospital,

Madison, Wisconsin. Lt. Comm. H. E. Kerr, U. S. Naval Hospital, Corona, California.

Capt. W. J. McCarthy, D. C., Station Hospital, Camp Bowie, Texas. Capt. J. L. Maxwell, D. C., Station Hospital, Fort Knox, Ky. lst Lt. W. V. Moyer, D. C., Station Hospital, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. lst Lt. W. S. Port, D. C., Station Hospital, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Maryland.

Lt. Robert W. Price, Station Hosp., Aberdeen Prov. Grounds, Aberdeen, Md. 1st Lt. Earl W. Reed, D. C., Station Hospital, Camp Joseph T. Robinson,

Little Rock, Arkansas. 1st Lt. P. P. Ross, D. C., Station Hospital, Camp Gruber, Oklahoma. Capt. W. R. Salinsky, D. C. (Residence) 1221 Arlington St., Gainesville,

Lt. Paul W. Suitor, D. C., U.S.N., U.S.S. Indiana, Postmaster, N. Y. City. 1st Lt. D. J. Welsh, D. C., 332 Air Base, G. P. Base Hospital, Gowen Field, Idaho.

We are sending the Bulletin first class to our men in service and request that they acknowledge receipt of it. We at home will always be grateful to our Service Men for a word for the Bulletin. We hope to receive many letters from our men each month. We would welcome letters from our nurses, too.

CLAUDE B. NORRIS, Editor

Phone 37418

THIS MONTH—JUNE—

We Present-

DR. GEO. M. CURTIS

Chairman, Dept. of Research Surgery, School of Medicine, Ohio State University

Subject:—

"CONCERNING THE NATURE OF BLAST INJURIES"

Our speaker this month (June 15), Dr. George Morris Curtis, is from Michigan born in Grand Rapids, April 2, 1890. He received his A. M. in Biology from the University of Michigan in 1910, and in 1914, he followed through with a Ph. D. In Anatomy.

From 1915 to 1920 he served as Professor of Anatomy at Vanderbilt University. Meantime he contrived through summer toil and sweat—and maybe some tears get his M. D. from Rush Medical College.

Dr. Curtis served a year as Intern at the U.S.P.H.S. Hospital No. 30 and then went to the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, as Resident. From 1922 to 1924 he was Assistant in Surgery at Rush. Across the deep Atlantic then went he, to Berne, there to serve, and to be served by, the renowned Prof. Dr. F. de Quervain. (There, by the way, he met his future wife, Miss Lucille Atcherson, Secretary of the U.S. Legaton in Berne,—the first woman to enter our Diplomatic Service!)

Next thing, 1932, we find him elected Professor of Surgery at the University of Chicago,—then Zingo! WE got him! That very same year, 1932, he came to Ohio State as Professor of Surgery and Surgical Research, and in 1938 he became Chairman of Research Surgery—his present "pause" in his meteoric Professional Climb

Dr. Curtis has the Phi Beta Kappa Key, he's a Sigma Xi, Alpha Omega Alpha and Gamma Alpha. He's a club man,—the Columbus Club, the "Chacs" (Chicagol and Coffee House (Nashville). But,—and more,—

Dr. Curtis is α fellow of the A.C.S., A.M.A., A.S.A., Western Surgical Assin Southern S. A., Chicago Assin for the Advancement of Science, Am. Assin to Thoracic Surgery, Am. Assin for the Surgery of Trauma, and Am. College of Chest Physicians, and α dozen more of our leading special medical organizations.

His original investigations cover a wide range. Among these are his studies on the structure of the semeniferous tuberle, the nature of diabetes insipus, the action of specific diuretics, the relation of the thyroid gland to work efficiency, the anatomy of the parathyroid glands, Ascites, Chloride Metabolism, Blood Iodine, Iodine Metabolism, Calcium Metabolism and collapse therapy.

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YOUNGSTOWN CLUB

June 15th, at 8:30 P. M.

our Doctors in the Service (Continued from Page 131)

There have been other "secondjobs, but I have tried to accept without too much "griping," albugh I do my share of it. Those who dough army life know that the griping also part of soldiering.

Until my arrival this post had no E.

N. T. department. After it was eshished it has been the busiest departwhished it has been the oussest depart-ent in the medical unit, and I am thor-the enjoying the work. My fellow there, medical and others, are good and as the organization is new and ast too large (The table of organization as for 175 Officers), there is little and jealously, but, as in other these develop as the organization there will be politics and the way. "apple polishing." Perhaps I can this more philosophically now at first, and will eventually develop modicum of "Aequanimitas." On the hole the atmosphere is not as stiff and ermal as in other places, and we have ben quite contented here.

Good luck to you Claude, and best thes to the boys at home and in the

ervice.

Lou Deitchman.

Al Ready to Sail! April 7th, 1943

Dear Dr. Norris:

I am here in San Francisco waiting be sent to a naval base hospital somewhere outside of the Continental United tates. There are a group of doctors here roing to the same hospital. I have met nost of the men and they are a swell group of fellows.

While waiting here I have seen some of the shows, places of interest, and also making the rounds of the restaurants for which San Francisco is justly famous. Good health and with regards to all the

men. I am

Lieut. A. R. Cukerbaum.

Capt. Neidus Tells Us! April 15th, 1943

My Dear Miss Herald:

Sorry I did not write to you before, but I felt I would wait until the war man. I cannot describe my golfing, banting, horseback riding experiences for don't exist in the medical field work the infantry. I regret that more of a Youngstown medicos aren't in the latty. It may be that the rigors of outdoor life is too much for them.

The organization I am with has been in the woods and swamps of Missppi almost all winter. The going is inty rough. 35 mile marches is a com-

mon occurrence with a full pack. I am very proud of the average American buck private. He has what it takes. It is no fun being exposed to natures tantra, mud, unceasing rain, no food for long periods of time, and sleeping on cold damp mother earth. Those who are not subjected to these ordeals should be discrete.

I have been out nearly all winter on the field learning and coordinating my medical detachment duties. My health has been excellent. We get up at 6:00 A.M. and on the go by 7:30.

I have been medical umpiring with one of the infantry divisions on maneuvers. The job is one of checking up the various medical installations in the field to see that they function properly. Have met a lot of doctors in my travels and they are about the same regardless where they come from. I am sorry for those of the doctors who are not getting into physical and mental condition to withstand the rigors of modern warfare. Soon they will be removed from beach hotels and subjected to tactics of a barbaric foe who knows none of the finer things in life. Many of us in the service do not realize as yet the death struggle we are in and that only the stronger and more resolute people will win. Perhaps I should write in a lighter

vein, but since you asked me months ago to write I thought I would wait and

think and observe.

I have always appreciated your great interest in our Medical Society and I am thankful to you for sending me the Journal.

My kindest regards to the efficient editorial staff.

Capt. M. W. Neidus.

Luke Says Lots of Defectives Slip In!

Muroc, Calif., May 12, 1943 Dear George:

Received my recent Bulletin and as usual "let the rest of the world roll by" until I had covered it. Seems mighty good to be able to keep in touch with all the wandering brothers by this very satisfactory medium. I got my Ohio State Bulletin today too and it carries quite a lot of general interest information. It's funny how one laps up any bit of news, or gossip, when so far away from the home theater. Do more reading here in a week than I ever got done in a month at home.

Heard from Ray Hall last week, sounds like he is seeing a little of Arabian nights with the help of some Arab gentlemen whom he has contacted; he intimated that schrapnel in and about maxillo-facial area gets his eyes crossed sometimes, and that pretty often. McElroy apparently lost his shirt, pants

lately when some contents too. Arabs with doubtful morals invaded the Hotel room and relieved him in absence. Understand that McConnell had pneumonia awhile back, and got mixed up with a Jeep too, so has not enjoyed smooth sailing entirely. Hear occasionally from J. R. Buchanan, and he is still at Hendricks Field, Sebring, Florida, doing Orthopedics and by request, some general surgery.

have been struck with the large number of physical defectives that have filtered into the service from all over the country; I have discharged Diabetics, loads of frank Mitral disease, Epileptics, and Chronic Otitis Media with perforations that sailed into the Army within recent months. After considering the type of Induction examination that must have been given these men, I take great pride in thinking that very few slips of that sort got through our Examinations in Youngstown. I am sure that some of these men, particularly the cardiacs, were not exposed to a stethescope or their defects would most certainly have been detected. Somebody evidently forgot that all of us are going to have to pay the bills on these fellows that get into the army with defects that may be alleged as 'aggravated by military service'' they are discharged.

There are quite a number of Youngstown boys here; every few days some lad walks up and asks me if I am from Youngstown; recently one who lives only a few blocks from home who had been in the office one day with a friend. I miss the Docs from Youngstown, and I have not seen one since I became the property of the 4th Air Force. We are very short on Medics in this area and are waiting with open arms for the July crop from which this Hospital expects to pick a few. Hope they send us one or two from Youngstown Hospitals.

Best regards to all at home and abroad, and thanks again for the good work being done by the Bulletin.

> Luke (Capt. L. K. Reed) *

Capt. Barclay Sees Dotty

May 7th, 1943

Dear Miss Herald:

Thank you very much for sending the Bulletin every month. It's great to read about all the other medical officers scattered throughout the world and their various problems.

Our organization moved around the middle of April to Fort Ord, California, and to me it is the best of the four camps I've been to. I considered myself quite fortunate when I found out that I was able to drive to the new post.

Driving with Mrs. Brandmiller and our Driving with And Orleans, through Texas, daughter to New Orleans, through Texas, daughter to New Orleans, and lexas, up to the Grand Canyon, out to Los up to the Oland Hollywood and up to wonderful. It Angeles through Monterey was wonderful. It was all Monterey was new and quite was all new country to me and quite an edu. new country to an all and an education. In Alexandria, La., during one of cation. In Alexandra, Day, during one of our frequent stops, had a very pleasant surprise when we accidentally bumped.

Thomas (Mrs. Domped) into Dotty Thomas (Mrs. Densmore Thomas) in a drug store. She happened to live just a few blocks from the drug store, Denny being stationed at Camp Livingston. He also received his cap. taincy in March. Received a V-Letter from Capt. DeCicco now stationed in Australia, says it's warm there.

We have a very fine place to live in Carmel, just fifteen miles from Fort Ord, overlooking the Pacific Ocean and after being in Florida for the past six months can truthfully say that I prefer

California.

Thanks again for sending the Bulletin Would you please have my mailing address changed.

Capt. Barclay M. Brandmiller.

Major Armbrecht Keeps Us Posted May 30, 1943

Dear Miss Herald:

Sorry to bother you again so soon with a change of address but a promotion to the rank of Major and a transfer make it necessary.

Please change my address to Major George L. Armbrecht, M. C. 0-357508 Med. Det. 8th Inf., 4th Div., U. S. Army, A. P. O. 4, Fort Dix, New Jersey.

I have some additional information for your "Honor Roll" in the Bulletin The name of a former St. Elizabeth's Hospital Interne has been omitted. He is Capt. Henry C. Marisco, M. C., 1560 S. U. Med. Sec., Station Hospital, Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

Major Ondash's latest address as of May 1, 1943, is: Major Stephen W. Ondash, M. C., 4th Aux. Surgial Group, Lawson General Hospital. At lanta, Georgia.

Capt. E. F. Hardman, M. C., is now a Major at the same address as given at present.

Thank you very much for sending the Bulletin. I enjoy it very much. Major George L. Armbrecht.

* John Goes to Miss

May 1, 1943

Dear Claude: Just a note to let you know I have changed my address again at the pleasure of the Army. I have had a pleasant and instructive

Camp Sutton, but since I am a stay at service man I was transferred to

numbered Station Hospital.

please have the Bulletin sent to my please My best to you and yours. at John (Capt. John A. Rogers, M. C.)

Lieut. Reese Has Plenty To Do!

Dear Dr. Norris:

have just finished reading the Bullefor May. It is certainly thoughtful the Society to faithfully send to of us who are away from home, our monthly contacts with our fellow-

I am still at the old address but my sork now is entirely hospital in nature. the hospital we take care of both in the Maritime Training Service and also men in the U. S. Coast Guard, for the hospital is located directly beween the two stations and the 20,000 trached men do furnish us with enough cause for staying out of mischief.

We aren't completely out of contact with the progress made in the medical world. We have a weekly meeting held ach Tuesday evening. At these meetings rarious men either on our staff or well nown men from the nearby medical speak. For instance last week the topic discussed was the "R /-/ factor n blood." Tonight we are going to hear something about Penicillinm. This is a follow up report on an earlier paper on the same subject, but given last Novem-

So far, I haven't seen many of the doctors in New York. The latest I saw was Capt. Morris Rosenblum, who was eetting some Clinical Laboratory work t Columbia Medical School.

Enough chattering for now. Regards to Dr. Nagel, Miss Herald and all the

Harold Reese (Lt. Harold Reese)

Major McElroy Says NA "Cold As Hell"

At Night! April 2, 1943

Dear Claude:

Just a line to let you know that I am receiving the Bulletin. In fact it comes more regularly than any other mail and am getting most of the news from it. Ray Hall and I are stationed together It present in North Africa. This is a beautiful country but not for comfort, cold as hell at night and hot during the

day. Everything plenty dirty.
Mac (Major W. D. McElroy)

Capt. Paul M. K. in North Africa March 2, 1943

Dear Claude: First I want to apologize for not

riting sooner to thank you for sending 1943

the many copies of the Society's Bulletin to me since I left Youngstown. I want you to know that I appreciate the thought and certainly the Bulletin. Started my tour from Youngstown

in July '42 by going to Billings General Hospital in Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. Stayed there for several weeks and went to Camp Rucker in Alabama up to January, 1943. Left there for a staging area in the U.S. until February and then went across the sea arriving near Oran, N. Africa, the latter part of February. Remained there for three weeks and then by motor to our present location. Passed Algiers on the way and we are now in a French town close to the Mediterranean and ready to start our Station Hospital in a few days time. It is such a relief to get into permanent buildings again. We are starting out as 500 bed hospital but I understand that shortly we are to be elevated into larger unit. Spent some time with McElroy and Hall at Camp Rucker and I understand they are in N. Africa, too. Managed to get one of our nurses, Ruth Rider, to join our unit as anesthetist. She was trying to get overseas service at the port of embarkation. Spoke to our Commander and through channels he was able to place her in our unit, so Youngstown is fairly well represented.

Strict censorship prevents me from writing more about the Country, but will try and tell you on my return.

Paul (Capt. Paul M. Kaufman)

Sid Tells Us!

March 27, 1943

Dear Claude:

I have written a short article for your Bulletin which you may or may not care to publish, or you may care to publish portions of it. It seems to me that the public should know the kind of treatment that is given to medical men in many Industrial contract plants. This is probably not true of all but I have a close association with many Medical Directors and have heard that their problems are quite similar to mine.

Come and see me if you can.

Sincerely yours,

SIDNEY McCURDY, M. D. Medical Director

A Medical Episode in a Munition Industry By Sidney McCurdy, M. D.

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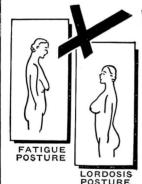
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When the writer entered industry again August of 1942 he took the place of Medical Director on the day he left be inducted into the army. Three days later the second medical man was drafted two weeks later the third and last Two weeks later the third and last trained man departed. An elderly man, 54, was employed a short time before the final exodus of all previously trained men who were familiar with the operamons at this plant. It took until Jan. 1, 1943, until a full quota of satisfactory men was procured and trained. Procurement and Assignment furnished plenty of names, none of which I could obtain if I wanted them, most of which I rejected as unsuitable.

Salaries in contracting companies, 5500 or over, have to be approved by an Ordnance Commanding Officer. I presume he compares a civilian medical officer's salary with the salary paid army officers to the detriment of the civilian appointee. Such comparison is unfair for the todes not consider the prerequisites that to with an army officer's salary.

I left retirement filled with a desire to do my patriotic duty commensurate with my age and training. My service began and I soon learned that there was a dual management, one apparently the final authority with the right to make and veto, the Ordnance Commanding Offiter, and the other the Contractor who employed me and supervised the medical work. Such a system breeds a contest in which the Commanding Officer has a few hundred civilian employees to obtain the information and checks that he demes to know, and on the other hand the Contractor conceals if possible what he does not care to have known. This watern affects the morale and efficiency of the medical department as well as all others. It was soon discovered that it would be difficult to render an adequate medical service if laymen did not respect sound medical advice. It was quickly recognized that some medical operations had previously been installed by laymen over the advice of my predecessor. I found the custom prevailing here of givg a special vitamin capsule to workers. This capsule was a shot gun mixture and given in the belief by management that it prevented chemical poisoning.

This was instituted by laymen and is distinctly very costly and unscientific. Interference by laymen with good intentions is too often the lot of the Medical Director of Contractor operated plants everywhere. The operating executives in their zeal for production fail to co-operate with too many medical recommendations if they cause operating inconveniences. Just recently a system of first aid stations to the number of five was ordered to be discontinued at once, first aid men transferred to operations and their work done by untrained firemen in two fire stations. This distinctly lowered the morale of the medical personnel and operating employees as well. Such service as can be rendered under this plan will be below that considered adequate according to all known medical standards.

The soldier at the front must be trained by the civilian soldier. Soldiers must be physically fit if they are to adequately render their service. Medical men trained in industrial medicine and surgery should be the only ones employed to care for the mental and physical welfare of the employees of war production plants. These mens' medical opinion must be followed and respected by laymen executives. Competent management will allow the medical advisor full latitude, co-operation and backing in their given field in which they are specialists.

I resigned, having convinced myself that the present attitude of my employers, the Army Ordnance and the Contractor, are incompatible with my ideals of medical service.

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Mrs. Wellington Althof, and
James Delmar Miller, son of
Dr. and Mrs. Scott L. Miller, CoMr. and Mrs. Scott L. Miller, CoMr. were married May 15th,
Edward's Rectory.

Dr. Albert M. Mogg, former Youngstown Hospital Interne, has been promoted to Captain in the U. Medical Corps at Camp Adair, Ore.

Dr. and Mrs. F. W. McNamara spent a few days visiting their daughter in New York.

Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Piercy are the parents of a daughter born at North Side Unit May 10th.

Major B. M. Bowman spent a few days with his family here before going to Santa Ana Air Base, Santa Ana, Cal.

Dr. V. C. Hart took a week's post-graduate course on disease and surgery of the eye at the Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago.

Lieut. H. J. Reese and Mrs. Reese have concluded a brief visit with friends and relatives here.

Dr. and Mrs. D. A. Gross, Hubbard, recently returned from a trip to Southern Pines, N. C.

Capt. Oscar A. Axelson of the U. S. Army Medical Corps spent Easter with his family here.

Miss June Osborne, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Osborne and Pvt. Paul Varkonda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Varkonda, were married April 17th, St. Patrick's Rectory.

Miss Joyce Osborne, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Osborne and Mr. Allan Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Johnson, Warren, O., were married May 1st, St. Patrick's Rectory.

Dr. C. W. Sears has been pro-

moted to the rank of Major at Camp Rucker, Ala. Major Sears left here in August, 1943, as Captain and was stationed at El Paso, Texas. Mrs. Sears and their son and daughter, Richard and Mary, recently returned from Alabama after spending the winter with Major Sears.

Dr. H. E. Blott Married 55 Years!

Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Blott observed their 55th wedding anniversary on May 15th, 1943. The Blott's have three children, Mrs. Caroline Evans, Cleveland, Edgar N. Blott, Chicago, and Dr. Myron S. Blott, Youngstown.

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J. L. PRICE,

Executive Director

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH: IMPORTANT!

To all local Health Commissioners:

(Contributed by Dr. Mossman, Health Commissioner)

The authority for providing medical treatment and nursing care for cases of inflammation of the eyes of the new born and gonorrheal ophthalmia is the responsibility of the Ohio Commission for the Blind.

All cases of inflammation of the eyes of the new born occurring in infants under 14 days of age, and all cases of gonorrheal ophthalmia, regardless of age, must be reported to the health commissioner of the city or general health district within which such person is a resident, within 6 hours, by the physician, hospital or any person having knowledge of the existence of these conditions, either on the official yellow franked communicable disease report card, or by letter, telephone or in person.

The health commissioner is required to submit to the Ohio Department of Health, on the official yellow franked communicable disease report card, each case of inflammation of the eyes of the new born and gonnorrheal ophthalmia which is reported to him, in that these are reportable diseases.

The health commissioner or person authorized by him is required to immediately investigate each case of inflammation of the eves of the new born and each case of gonorrheal ophthalmia reported to him. The health commissioner is required to immediately submit to the Ohio Department of Health and to the Ohio Commission for the Blind, a copy of the report of the investigation of each case of inflammation of the eyes of the new born, and each case of gonorrheal ophthalmia on forms furnished by the Ohio Department of Health for this purpose.

If the health commissioner is of the opinion the patient is in need of medical or nursing care, he will immediately request assistance from the Ohio Commission for the Blind, Oak Street at Ninth, Columbus, by calling MAin 4591 during working hours. After working hours requests may be routed as follows: (1) Henry J. Robison, Columbus, KIngswood 1941; (2) J. W. Davis, Columbus, LAwndale 9929; (3) Albert D. Frost, M. D., Columbus, KIngswood 3412.

The Ohio Commission for the Blind will authorize medical and nursing care only when the patient is hospitalized. A fee of \$25.00 will be paid to designated medical associates for each case, and a maximum allowance of \$18.00 per diem will be provided for three private duty Hospitalization, dressings, nurses. medication, laboratory services, care of breast fed infants and transportation of the patient are required to be provided from local funds. The Ohio Commission for the Blind requires that all cases of gonorrheal ophthalmia must be hospitalized. If it is necessary for any case of gonorrheal ophthalmia to remain in the hospital for a period longer than 7 days, the Ohio Commission for the Blind must be notified and authorization secured for further nursing services.

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